

What is claimed is:

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1. A fresh masonry wall protection device for rapidly protecting a newly laid block or brick wall from inclement weather comprising:

5 a thin plastic channel element having a top panel member and a pair of parallel side panel members,

said top panel member having a smooth, flat inner face which is adapted to engage the topmost surface of said newly laid block or brick wall,

10 said parallel side panel members being springy and angled inwardly so that they engage the newly laid block or brick wall, and have lower ends which angle outwardly to form a guideway for installing said protection device on said newly laid block or brick wall.

2. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 1 wherein said top panel member is provided with a plurality of spaced rebar punchouts.

3. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 2 wherein said rebar punchouts are elongated along the length of said top panel member and selected from a

pull tab with score lines and a series of starburst score lines which are punchable through.

4. The fresh masonry protection device defined in claim 1 wherein said top panel member includes a pair of insulated electrical wires for supplying electrical energy to heating elements or light bulbs at spaced intervals along the length of said freshly laid wall.

5. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 1 wherein said top panel member is wider than the width of said newly laid block or brick wall and said side panels are angled inwardly to snugly fit the top side edges of said newly laid block or brick wall.

6. The fresh masonry protection device defined in claim 1 wherein one end of said channel element is provided with guide lines for adapting the ends of said devices to cover corners and other wall angulations.

7. A fresh masonry protection device for rapidly protecting a newly laid block or brick wall from inclement weather comprising:

an extruded channel device having a top panel member and a pair of parallel side panel members,

said top panel member having a smooth, flat inner face which is adapted to engage the topmost surface of said newly laid block or brick wall,

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said parallel side panel members being resilient and springy and angled inwardly so that they grip the newly laid block or brick wall,

said top panel member having a plurality of punchouts for rebar at predetermined intervals along the length of said top panel member.

8. The fresh masonry protection device defined in claim 1 wherein said top panel member includes a pair of insulated electrical wires for supplying electrical energy to heating elements or light bulbs at spaced intervals along the length of said freshly laid wall.

9. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 1 wherein said top panel member is wider than the width of said newly laid block or brick wall and said side panels have ends that are angled outwardly to form guideways for installing said protection device onto said newly laid block or brick wall.

10. A fresh masonry protection device for rapidly protecting a newly laid block or brick wall from inclement weather comprising:

a channel element having a top panel member and a pair of parallel side panel members,

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said top panel member having a smooth, flat inner face which is adapted to engage the topmost surface of said newly laid block or brick wall,

said parallel side panel members being springy and angled inwardly so that they grip the newly laid block or brick wall,

said side panel members having tip ends which are angled outwardly to form an installation guideway,

said top panel member having punchouts for rebar at predetermined intervals along the length of said top panel member.

11. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 10 wherein said top panel member includes a pair of insulated electrical wires for supplying electrical energy to heating elements or light bulbs at spaced intervals along the length of said freshly laid wall.

12. The fresh masonry wall protection device defined in claim 11 wherein said top panel member is wider than the width of said newly laid block or brick wall and said side panels have ends that are angled outwardly to form guideways for installing said protection device onto said newly laid block or brick wall.

13. A method for rapidly protecting a newly laid block or brick wall from inclement weather comprising:

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(a) providing an extruded channel member having a top panel member and a pair of parallel side panel members, said top panel member having a smooth, flat inner face which is adapted to engage the topmost surface of said newly laid block or brick wall, said parallel side panel members being springy and angled inwardly so that they  
15 simultaneously engage the newly laid block or brick wall when in place on the wall and have angled ends forming a guideway for receiving the top of said newly laid block or brick wall,

20 (b) engaging the sides of said wall adjacent the top with one end of said guideway and expanding the distance between the engaging side panel members by the width of said wall,

25 (c) then pivoting said channel member about the point of engagement of said side panel members with said wall in a generally downward direction to seat one end of said channel member on said wall, and essentially align said channel member with said wall, and

30 (d) then seating the remainder of said channel member on the top of said wall by progressively pressing downwardly on said top panel member beginning at said one end.

*sub* 14. The method defined in Claim 13 including repeating steps (a) - (d) at least one further time in overlapping relationship.